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OF EMPTY CONTAINERS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS BETWEEN DOMESTIC
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FOR HENRY CLARKE

1. STANDARD EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONCLUDED RECENTLY
COVERING THIS ISSUE HAVE TAKEN THE FORM OF NOTE
SOLICITED FROM THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT STATING,
IN THE LANGUAGE OF P.L.90-474, THE PRIVILEGES
IT PERMITS U.S. VESSELS IN ITS PORTS; USG THEN
REPLIES WITH NOTE CITING THE APPROPRIATE TREASURY
DECISION GRANTING THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES IN THE U.S.

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2. TEXT OF STANDARD NOTE WE SOLICIT FROM FOREIGN

GOVERNMENT FOLLOWS:

THE EMBASSY OF PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO
REFER TO PUBLIC LAW 90-474 OF AUGUST 11, 1968
AMENDING THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1920 TO PERMIT
VESSELS NOT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, SUBJECT
TO RECIPROCITY, TO TRANSPORT IN THE COASTWISE TRADE
OF THE UNITED STATES (A) EMPTY CARGO VANS, EMPTY LIFT
VANS, AND EMPTY SHIPPING TANKS, (B) EQUIPMENT FOR USE
WITH CARGO VANS, LIFT VANS, OR SHIPPING TANKS,
(C) EMPTY BARGES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR CARRIAGE
ABOARD A VESSEL, AND (D) ANY EMPTY INSTRUMENT FOR INTER-
NATIONAL TRAFFIC EXEMPTED FROM APPLICATION OF THE
CUSTOMS LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE SECRETARY
OF THE TREASURY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SEC-
TION 322(A), TARIFF ACT OF 1930 (19 USC 1322(A))
IF THE ARTICLES DESCRIBED IN CLAUSES (A) THROUGH
(D) ARE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF
THE TRANSPORTING VESSEL AND ARE TRANSPORTED FOR
HIS USE IN HANDLING HIS CARGO IN FOREIGN TRADE;
AND (E) STEVEDORING EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL, IF
SUCH EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL IS OWNED OR LEASED BY
THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE TRANSPORTING VESSEL,
OR IS OWNED OR LEASED BY THE STEVEDORING COMPANY
CONTRACTING FOR THE LOADING OR UNLOADING OF THAT
VESSEL, AND IS TRANSPORTED WITHOUT CHARGE FOR
USE IN THE HANDLING OF CARGO IN FOREIGN TRADE.

"THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE THAT...LEGISLATION PLACES NO
RESTRICTION ON THE CARRIAGE OF ANY OF THE ITEMS
REFERRED TO IN PL 90-474 3Y VESSELS OF THE UNITED
STATES BETWEEN.....PORTS. THE GOVERNMENT OF
..... THEREFORE, BELIEVES THAT CONDITIONS
OF RECIPROCITY AS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC LAW 90-474
HAVE BEEN FULFILLED IN THE CASE OF AND
THATVESSELS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO
ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF TRANSPORTING THE REFERENCED
ARTICLES BETWEEN PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES."
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3. FYI: RECENT NOTE IN REPLY TO ABOVE NOTE TOOK
THIS FORM:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO INFORM THE
EMBASSY OF..... THAT THE ASSURANCES OF RECIPROCITY
FORWARDED WITH THE EMBASSY'S NOTE OF (DATE)
HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND ALL THE ITEMS SPECIFIED IN

P.L.90-474 WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE TRANSPORTED
BETWEEN UNITED STATES PORTS BY VESSELS OF.
THERE IS ENCLOSED A COPY OF TREASURY DECISION
(TREASURY DECISION NUMBER), APPROVED BY THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON (DATE),
AMENDING SECTIONS 4 93(B)(1) AND 4 93(B)(2), CUSTOMS
REGULATIONS, TO ADD..... TO THE LIST OF

COUNTRIES WHOSE VESSELS ARE ENTITLED TO THE
PRIVILEGES OF THOSE SECTIONS OF THE CUSTOMS
REGULATIONS. THE TREASURY DECISION WAS PUBLISHED
IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF (DATE)." KISSINGER

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